Eternal Spirit, He is a son of divine lineage and God is His Father. Man, verily, is, as the poet describes him, a worm, a god. <(0 Man," says the Persian Sufi, " Thou coin bearing the double stamp of the body and spirit! I do not know what thy nature is ; for, thou art the mixture higher than heaven and lower than earth. Do not be cast down, because thou art the mixture of the four elements ; do not be self-complacent, because thou art the mirror of the seven realms."

We know the body is endowed with a great variety of faculties designed for its preservation, its usefulness and its reproduction. These it shares with all animal life. We know also that the spirit which dwells in the body is endowed likewise with various faculties, among which the most important are the mind, the conscience, and the affections, any one of which clearly shows the rightful supremacy of the soul over the body. The soul in every one of us knows that it ought to be the master and absolute lord over the body; the mind to preserve it, guide it and use it in a reasonable manner, the conscience to regulate its desires, to grant liberty for physical indulgence and gratification, or to withhold it, to discern between a virtuous and

vicious mode of
exercising its faculties. And above all,
the^soulis endowed
with love to make the human "being
friendly and brotherly
towards all the rest, to make every duty a
delight and to
throw over the whole life a halo of
sweetness and joyful beauty.
It will therefore be seen that the strange
combination in the
body of the lowest animal passions and the
loftiest spiritual
promptings, as stated above, of the lusts of
the flesh and
the divine instincts of the soul, has been
purposely designed
by God for the evolution of the moral good,
character, right-
eousness and love of a s< If-conscious and
free-willed being
such as man—one who has been endowed
with the full
freedom of choice between right and wrong
under the guid-
ance of reason. The freedom which He has
given and the
little gleam of moral light which came with
it, are manifestly